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SUBJECT: POLITBURO ACKNOWLEDGES DISSENSION IN RANKS

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1. CURIOUSLY PHRASED STATEMENT MADE PUBLIC BY PROVISIONAL OFFICE FOR MASS ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS (POMOA) AUGUST 23 REFERRED FOR FIRST TIME TO DISAFFECTED GROUPS WITHIN ITS ORGANIZATION. POINTING OUT THAT WHILE JUNE POMOA REORGANIZATION TO "BROADEN PARTICIPATION OF TRUE AND AUTHENTIC PROGRESSIVES" WAS BOUND TO RECEIVE DIVERSE REACTIONS, STATEMENT SAID IT WAS SURPRISING THAT SOME WHO YESTERDAY PUBLICLY DECLAIMED "DOWN WITH THOSE WHO OPPOSE POMOA" NOW CALL FOR DISMANTLING OF POMOA OR SPREAD FALSE RUMORS ABOUT ITS FAILURE TO FULFILL ITS MISSION.

2. STATEMENT ADMITTED THAT CERTAIN POMOA CADRES, IN EXCESS OF REVOLUTIONARY ZEAL, HAD COMMITTED ERRORS WITHOUT MEANING TO DO SO, OWING TO FAST PACE OF REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE. RE-
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ACTIONARY FORCES WITH VESTED INTEREST IN FAILURE OF REVOLUTION WERE QUICK TO CAPTIALIZE ON THESE SHORTCOMINGS TO CREATE RIFTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND GENUINE PROGRESSIVES, GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, AND BETWEEN PEOPLE AND POMOA. THIS REACTIONARY PLOT TO SUBVERT REVOLUTION HAD BEEN FOILED, AND POMOA WOULD CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY AND EXPOSE FORCES OPPOSED TO ONGOING NATIONAL PROCESS.

3. COMMENT: UNLESS THOSE PROMINENT ALL ETHIOPIAN SOCIALIST ORGANIZATION MEMBERS WHO HAVE FLED ARE LATER APPREHENDED, ABOVE STATEMENT MAY BE AS CLOSE AS WE EVER GET TO PUBLIC ALLUSION TO THEIR DEFECTION. STATEMENT EMPHASIZES CONTINUING POSITIVE ROLE OF TRULY PROGRESSIVE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS COMPRISING POMOA IN POLITICIZING MASSES, BUT ITS CONVOLUTED LANGUAGE SHEDS LITTLE LIGHT ON WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE JUNE, OTHER THAN TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT NOT ALL OF POMOA GROUPS PROVED TO BE PROGRESSIVE.

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